

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE—REFERENCE OF.

DECEMBER 22, 1847.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRODHEAD, on leave, submitted the following

RESOLUTIONS:

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States to the two houses of Congress at the present session, as relates to the existing war with Mexico, to the condition of our citizens in China, and the propriety of making payment to the Spanish government in the "Amistad case," together with the accompanying correspondence in relation thereto, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the condition and operations of the army, the propriety of increasing the same, and levying contributions upon the enemy, together with the report of the Secretary of War, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the establishment of territorial governments in Oregon, New Mexico, and the Californias, be referred to the Committee on Territories.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the condition of the treasury, to the means of obtaining money to prosecute the war with Mexico, the propriety of imposing a duty upon tea and coffee, the warehousing system, the constitutional treasury, and the propriety of establishing a branch mint at New York, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the graduation and reduction of the price of the public lands, the amendment and modification of the laws granting pre-emption rights to settlers, to the establishment of a surveyor general's office in Oregon, and the grant of lands therein to actual settlers, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to our relations with the various Indian tribes, and the appointment of Indian agents west of the Rocky Mountains, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the condition and operations of the navy, to the increase of sea steamers, together with the report of the Secretary of the Navy, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said message as relates to the progress and condition of the mail service, the operations of the Post Office Department, and the postal arrangements with foreign governments, together with the report of the Postmaster General, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

